

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The February 18, 2014, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Geoffrey Thomas at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Davis, Gamble¹, Goering, Hanford², Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Brazel, Feilberg, Ginnard, Popelka, Quenzer, and Smoot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Davis and recited by attendees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 2013 Police Department Awards

Police Chief Tim Quenzer and Deputy Police Chief Ken Ginnard recognized Officers Nathan Erdmann and Scott Kornish; and presented each with a Distinguished Service Award.

Chief Quenzer and Deputy Chief Ginnard recognized Sergeant Rick Dunn, presented a video regarding a distinguished act of service, and awarded Sergeant Dunn with the Medal of Courage. Sergeant Dunn recognized and thanked three individuals for their collaborative efforts regarding the incident.

Mayor Thomas thanked Officers Erdmann and Kornish and Sergeant Dunn for their service.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizens present wishing to address the Council.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Vasatka reported on the following Monroe High School topics: Houston Kraft's presentation; February/Valentine's Day themed 'We Are One Night' activities benefitting the Free the Children Campaign; and Winter Sports update.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; February 11, 2014, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments; *Check Nos. 84624 through 84685 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,115,386.30*
3. AB14-027: Approval of Release of Retainage, Powell Street Sidewalk Project
4. AB14-028: Approval of Release of Retainage, Rotary Field Restroom Building Pad Project

¹ CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Gamble arrived at 7:11 p.m.

² CLERK'S NOTE: Councilmember Hanford arrived at 7:02 p.m.

5. AB14-029: Approval of Resolution No. 005/2014, Declaring Seized Vehicle Surplus

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB14-030: Approval of Ordinance No. 002/2014, Amending MMC 8.04.055, Animal Control Regulations; First Reading

Chief Quenzer provided background information on the proposed code amendments; based on recent case law.

Councilmember Goering moved to accept as first reading Ordinance No. 004/2014, amending MMC 08.04.055, pertaining to Animal Control; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0).

2. AB14-031: Planning and Permitting Personnel Update (*Discussion*)

City Administrator Gene Brazel, Planning/Permitting Manager Paul Popelka, and Mayor Thomas provided background information on Planning and Permitting Personnel, levels of service, feedback received from citizens/local businesses in this regard, and plans for the procurement of assistance for the department (planning position; on-call consultant services; etc.).

General discussion ensued regarding: the needs/staffing of the Planning and Permitting Department; the 2014 Budget; the General Fund Five-Year Forecast; participation in local IPZs (Innovation Partnership Zone); the hiring of an associate or assistant planner; and on-call planning consultant services/ILA (Interlocal agreement) for planning services.

3. AB14-032: Monroe MusicFest (*Discussion*)

Administrator Brazel presented background information on the 2013 Monroe MusicFest; and information on funding a festival in 2014. General discussion ensued regarding funding requested; timeline for process/event; expenditures/revenues of 2013 event; and event partnerships/sponsorships/donations. Mr. Brazel stated he will report back on this topic at a forthcoming Council Meeting.

4. AB14-033: Approval of Updated Real Estate Broker Contract

Administrator Brazel provided information on proposed updates to the Real Estate Broker Contract; adding a property; and the language 'When applicable' to the beginning of section 3(C).

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Exclusive Sale Agreement – Sale of Land with Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, with the added language ‘When applicable’ to the beginning of section 3(C); the motion was seconded by Councilmember Goering.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the property.

On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

5. AB14-034: Approval of Un-funding of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant for Purchase of Right-of-Way for Shared Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail along Chain Lake Road

Public Works Director Brad Feilberg provided background information on the project, grant application and request to return grant funds. Mr. Feilberg stated a new grant application will be made for this project with updated information.

Councilmember Kamp moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Puget Sound Regional Council un-funding the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant to Purchase Right-of-Way for Shard Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail along Chain Lake Road; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Hanford reported on an email received regarding the Million March Against Child Abuse; and queried whether Council was interested in a resolution supporting the march. Councilmember Goering supported adding the resolution for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the beginning of Little League.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Popelka reminded Council of the upcoming Joint Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014; and noted upcoming national celebrations.

Mayor Thomas stated the projects update was included as an attachment with New Business item number 2; AB14-031.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Draft Agenda for February 25, 2014, Joint Meeting, City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board, and Comp. Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

City Administrator Brazel presented the draft agenda for the February 25, 2014.

Councilmember Goering requested the following items be added to the City Council Finance and Human Resources Committee Meeting Agenda for March 4, 2014: General Fund Five-Year Forecast; and bullet points from AB14-031.

Administrator Brazel reported on new web pages for Council Committees; and Mayor Thomas noted a Council extended agenda will also be posted online.

Mayor Thomas reported on a luncheon he attended hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, with a focus on graffiti and 'tagging'; and attendance at upcoming Chamber luncheons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Potential Litigation – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) (15 minutes)

Mayor Thomas stated that the Council would recess into Executive Session to discuss two topics of Potential Litigation for a total time of approximately 15 minutes; and read the appropriate citation in to the record - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i).

The meeting recessed into executive session at 8:52 p.m.; and the meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.³

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Cancellation of February 25, 2014, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Goering moved to cancel the Tuesday, February 25, 2014, Regular Business Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

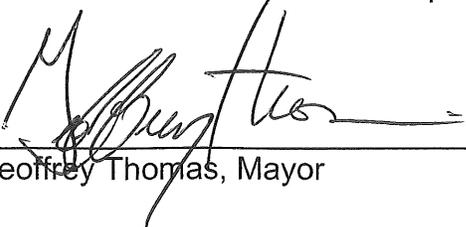
Motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

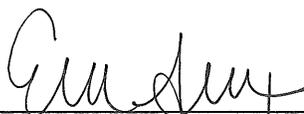
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Kamp and seconded by Councilmember Hanford to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:04 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of March 4, 2014.

³ CLERK'S NOTE: No citizens were present for the recess to executive session and reconvening. The executive session lasted approximately 10 minutes.